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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: October 3, 2016

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency Establishment Act of 2016

REFERENCE: Bill 21-369, Draft Committee Print as shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 26, 2016

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill establishes a Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency comprised of sixteen voting members and supported with staff and resources by the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE). The sixteen members¹ include eight members appointed by the Mayor and eight appointed by the Council's Chairman. The Commission must meet quarterly to assess the District's readiness for a natural disaster or other adverse event and evaluate the impacts of climate change on the District's physical assets, policies, and programs.

The Commission must submit an interim report within fourteen months of this bill's approval, a final report within twenty-four months, and a regular triennial report thereafter.

The bill also establishes the Climate Change and Resiliency Fund, a special purpose revenue fund, to receive general appropriations, private gifts or donations, and grants. The Commission can use the fund to support its duties and functions.

¹ Members must demonstrate an expertise in environmental science or justice, public health, economic development, energy, insurance, emergency preparedness, transportation, or natural resources.

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2020 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DOEE can staff and support the Commission with its existing resources.